

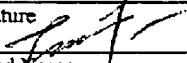
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 23, 2006 for which a one-month period for response expires on February 23, 2006.

In this Office Action, pending claims 1-17 were restricted as follows:

Group I (claims 1-10) drawn to a heterogeneous cleaning composition, classified in class 510, subclass 438;

Group II (claim 11) drawn to a method for cleaning textiles, classified in class 8, subclass 137;

Group III (claims 12-15) drawn to a method for producing heterogeneous cleaning composition in a scraped-wall vessel or tank, classified in class 510, subclass 445; and

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Group IV (claim 17) drawn to a method for producing heterogeneous cleaning composition in powder blender, classified in class 510, subclass 444.

Applicants elect with traverse Group II (claim 11) for further prosecution in the present application. Claims 1-10 and 12-17 are therefore withdrawn from consideration but are not canceled. No fees are believed due for consideration of the present reply. However, if this is not the case, please charge any such required fees, including any extension fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to Deposit Account No. 501257.

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